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Richard Jones, Jr., the eldest son of Richard and Mary Jane Cummings Jones, was born October 15, 1856 at Provo. He married Agnes Campbell on May 15, 1876. She was born February 14, 1858 at Cedar City, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Davis Campbell. They were the parents of nine children, Elizabeth, Edward, Mary, Jennie, Thomas, Mabel, Dora, Nora and Wallace. Richard died April 25, 1926 and Agnes died January 2, 1926.

Richard Jones, one of the original Provo Valley pioneers, first came to the valley in the original company in 1858. His son, Richard, Jr., was less than two at the time. When homes were established in the Spring of 1859 there was more than enough work for everyone to do, even young Richard. He took advantage of what schooling was available and learned enough, in his own words. "so that I could do my own business without any trouble in later life."

At the age of 12, Richard, Jr., drove with his father to Fort Bridger, Wyo., with two wagon loads of potatoes, each of them driving a wagon. On the way home they stopped at Echo Canyon and worked with their teams hauling ties for the Union Pacific Railroad. They received \$10 per day, good wages for the time.

When Richard Jr. turned 19 he and three others hired out to a government surveying party. In August of 1875 he, Noah Mayo. David Murdock and Wm. G. Rasband went to Strawberry Valley and from there were assigned to Green River, the mouth of the Duchesne, along the Uinta Point, Antelope and Avintaquin. While they were camping at Avintaquin they were caught in a heavy snow storm and traveled for days after their food ran out and had to kill one of their

horses for food. They finally reached Strawberry Valley where they met a search party that had been sent out for them.

From the surveying expedition. Richard Jr., received \$200 which he used to buy a new stove for his mother and to save toward marriage. He was 21 years old when he claimed his 18-year-old bride in the Endowment House. President Daniel H. Wells performed the marriage.

Agnes was born three years after her Scottish parents arrived in Utah. They lived in Cedar City and endured many difficult persecutions by the Indians. They later moved to Moroni and then to Salina, but were driven from there by Indians who stole all their cattle. The family moved to Heber in 1865 and here Agnes was able to attend school and also participate in Church activities.

When Richard and Agnes were married they had enough money to buy a bedstead, a table and six chairs. They had to charge a stove. Their first home was on the corner of Third South and Main, and here five of their children were born. In 1889 they took a homestead in Center Creek and spent several years grubbing sage brush, breaking up the land, building a house and barns and making ditches and fences.

Richard served as a Wasatch County Commissioner for four years, a member of the school board for years, and was a member of the State Land Board for some time. He liberally donated to nearly all the public buildings in Heber and Center Creek.

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